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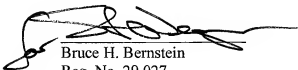
Entry of the present amendment is respectfully requested prior to the payment of the Issue Fee.

Claim 3 is amended to correct a minor grammatical informality in claim 3, and claim 7 and 11 are amended to ensure proper antecedent basis for all the elements recited in claims 7 and 11. Further, Applicants note that the Response Under 37 C.F.R. §1.111 filed on January 29, 2009 amended the title of the application, but that the amended title is not reflected on the Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due. Accordingly, Applicants herewith re-submit the title amendment that was previously filed on January 29, 2009, and respectfully request that the title amendment be entered so that the patent that issues from this application contains the amended title.

Although the present amendment is being submitted after the mailing of the Notice of Allowance, and although an amendment may not be made as a matter of right after the mailing of the Notice of Allowance, Applicants submit that entry of the amendment is appropriate to correct errors in each of claims 3, 7 and 11, as noted above, and that such amendments do not effect the scope of the claims or continue prosecution. Applicants also submit that the present amendment does not require any additional search, that only a cursory review of the record is necessary, and that the present amendment does not involve materially additional work on the part of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request entry of the present amendment under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.312.

Should there be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned
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